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CONGRATULATIONS

PROVINCE OF THE EASTERN CAPE SPORTS, RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURE

At a glittering banquet in Queenstown on 31st March 2001, nineteen Scouts and Scouters of East Cape Area were awarded Certificates and Pendants for outstanding achievement in their respective Scouting fields. These awards were presented by the Provincial Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts & Culture, in appreciation for work done in Scout Development in our disadvantaged communities.

LISBET DEMEYER

Editor "Algoa Anchor News", on receiving a Silver Award in the 2000 judging of the HV Marsh Awards for Group magazines.

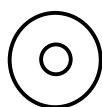
FIRST AID COURSE

As you know, at least one Scouter per Group needs to be qualified in First Aid and many of us need our qualification renewed / updated.

St. Johns Ambulance has agreed to run a Level One Course for Pack and Troop Scouters at a greatly reduced price of R200 each, fully inclusive. (Usual price R320).

This course will be run at their new premises at 47 Pickering Street, Newton Park, on two consecutive Saturdays, namely 7th and 14th July 2001, from 8.00am until 4.00pm with the exam on Saturday 21st July from 8.00am until 1.00pm.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pat at Scout Shop Tel (041) 3744096 or Jan Tel (041) 3791955/ Cell 083 6529886 before Friday 20th April. Thank you.



GONE HOME

Neil Andrew Pritchard

3 Sept. 1967 to 14 March 2001
Springbok Scout of 1st Cotswold Group. Our condolences to Hilary, Sylvia and Russell, a staunch scouting family.

Aubrey Pike, uncle of Ernie Pike, passed away on 9th March 2001 after a long illness bravely borne.

Susanna Minnaar, the mother in law of Pat Minnaar.

Ali Kumm, the father of Margaret Marais.

The Scout Association extends heartfelt condolences to their families in this time of mourning.



PACK HELPERS WORKSHOP

This one-day Workshop is designed to help Pack Helpers become more effective in their roles and to extend their knowledge and skills.

- VENUE: St. Croix Scout Hall, Tippers Creek, Bluewater Bay, just outside P.E.
- COST: R35 payable with application either in cash, or cheques payable to ADULT TRAINING TEAM, please.
- DATE: Saturday 19 May 2001.
- QUALIFICATION: Adult Pack Helper over 18 years.
- CLOSING DATE: Friday 4 May 2001.
(NO LATE ENTRIES)

Application forms are available from Pat at Scout Shop or you can contact Jan Hopkins at home in the evenings on (041) 379 1955 or 083 652 9886.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13-15 April	Cub and Scout Warrant Course, South Eastern Region, Butterworth	14 July	St. Johns Ambulance First Aid Course, Port Elizabeth
21-22 April	100km Challenge Hike	12 August	1st Cotswold Soccer Challenge
23 April	St. George's Day	10-19 Dec	South African National Jamboree, SANJAMB 2001, Vaal Dam, Gauteng
27-29 April	Team Scream, Cape Western		
19 May	Pack Helpers Workshop, PE	2002	
26 May	East London Beach Day	02-12 January	7th Gilcoast PLTU, East London
02 June	KTV Day	April	POW WOW, Cape Eastern
16 June	1st Cotswold Mystery Car Rally	July	36th World Scout Conference / 8th World Youth Forum, Greece
07 July	St. Johns Ambulance First Aid Course, Port Elizabeth	28 Dec-08 Jan 2003	20th World Jamboree, Thailand

NEWS FROM CAPE EASTERN TRAINING TEAM

If you crave excitement and are constantly looking for new ideas, then attend one of our exciting Training Courses.

At the end of January and beginning of February, ten Pack Scouters from around the Cape Eastern Area spent two full weekends at Gilsprings, just outside Uitenhage, on a Cub Warrant Course. The friendships and camaraderie that was developed over those two weekends was fantastic. The participants learnt new skills, went on outings, suffered in the heat, swam at midnight, learnt the meaning of "doing paperwork and administration", have new games and yarns to tell their Cubs, went without sleep and put on a few kilos because fresh air and the outdoor life makes you hungry.



CUB WARRANT COURSE PARTICIPANTS AWAIT THEIR "SLICE OF CAKE"

Hopefully, most of these participants will be getting their warrants shortly, and the growth of their Packs will show what they gained over those two weekends. The photograph shows the participants eagerly waiting to "get their slice" of cake at the beginning of the second weekend.

A couple of weeks later, in fact on 3rd March, most of those same Pack Scouters, plus several others, attended a Jungle Background Course held at St. Croix Scout Hall. This was a one day Course, but could easily have taken two days and still have been busy. During this one Saturday, Hilary and I showed these eager Scouters how the whole of the Cheetah level of the Cub Trail can be put over with a Jungle Theme. They learnt new games with a Jungle Theme, new skills, puppet theatre, handcraft, animated yarns, and if you want to know more then you must attend one of our Courses.

Of these 17 participants who were eager to learn, there were experienced Scouters, new Scouters and new Pack Helpers, which just goes to show it is always possible to learn something, however long you have been in the movement.

The next Course to be run is a Pack Helpers Workshop on 19th May.

Jan Hopkins,
Training Team

OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

You can now download a copy of the Outtray over the Internet. Current and past issues are now available at:

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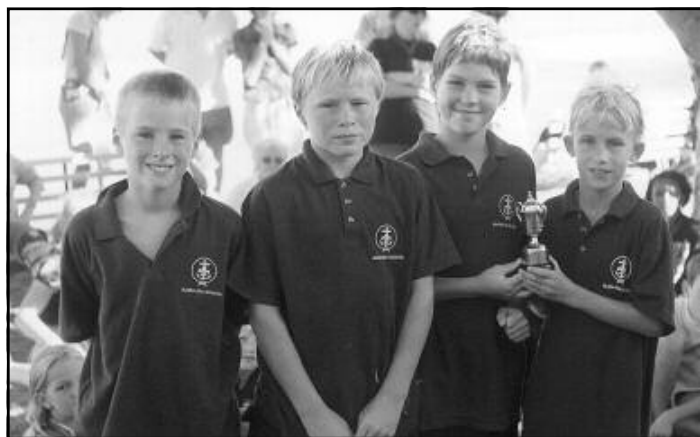
You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader - this can be downloaded over the Internet as well, just follow the links.

CUB AND BROWNIE WATER CHALLENGE

The morning of Saturday 10th March dawned overcast and blustery but by midday the sun was shining, the wind had blown itself out and we had the most perfect conditions for the annual Cub Water Challenge. The Brownies were invited to join us. So much fun was had by all. There was Boogie Board, Sock Relay, Piggy Back, Fancy Dress, T-shirt and Shorts plus much more for all to enjoy. And enjoy it the Cubs did - both boy and girl Cubs.

It was decided that this year only the Trophy Events would be acknowledged and here Algoa Sea Scout Cubs came up trumps. Their 4x1 width relay swimmers, namely Ashton Beetham, Jonathan van Staden, Devon Coetzee and Justin Forgan took the Neale-May Trophy and Ashton Beetham won both the St Cuthbert's Championship for 1 length Freestyle and the Algoa Trophy for 1 length Backstroke. Well done Algoa!

Thank you to the Akelas who ran the tuck shop in aid of POW WOW funds. What Cub does not appreciate the tuck shop? POW WOW funds have surely swelled! Thanks too, to the Uitenhage Swimming Club for leasing us the pool for the afternoon. All agree that the facilities are great. Lastly, to Jan Hopkins, thank you so much for organising an event that provided so much fun and enjoyment for so many.

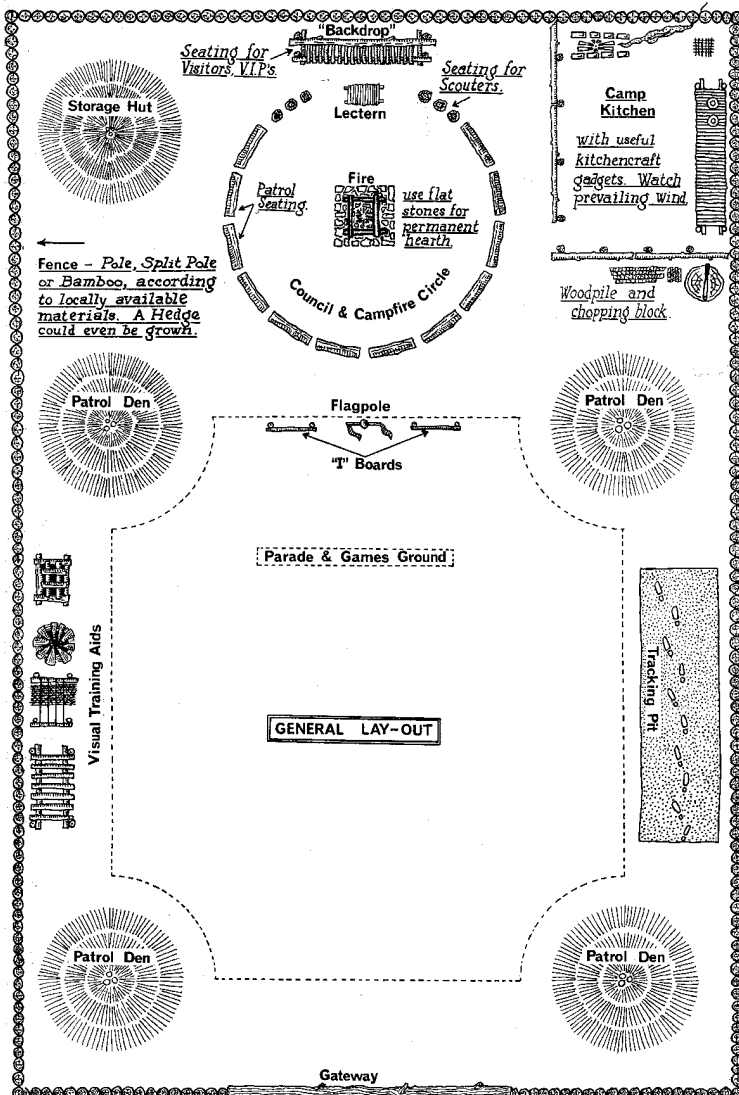


NEALE - MAY TROPHY ALGOA SEA SCOUT CUBS

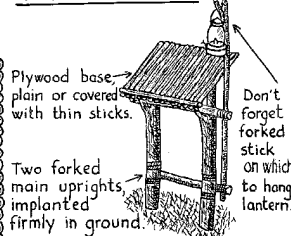


ST CUTHBERT'S CHAMPIONSHIP (FREESTYLE) AND ALGOA TROPHY (BACKSTROKE) CHAMP, ASHTON BEETHAM

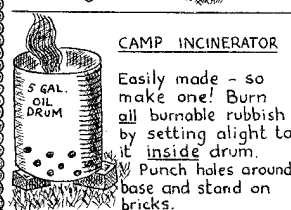
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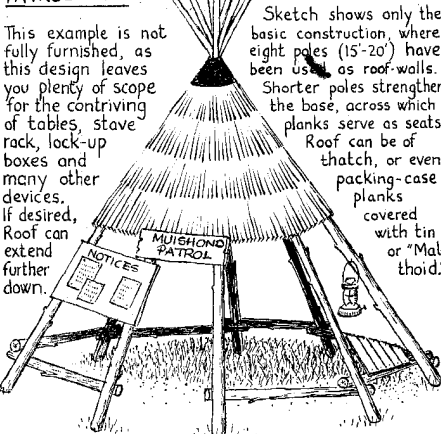
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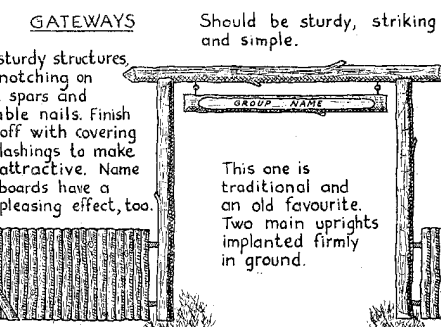
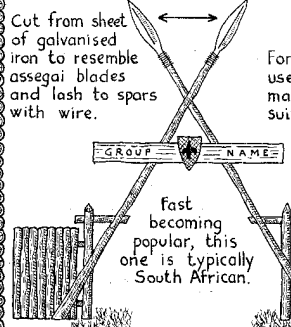
Some ideas for simple rustic seating.



OUTDOOR PATROL DENS

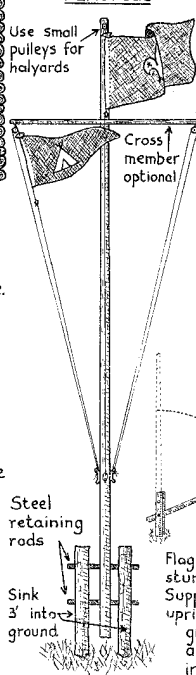


GATEWAYS

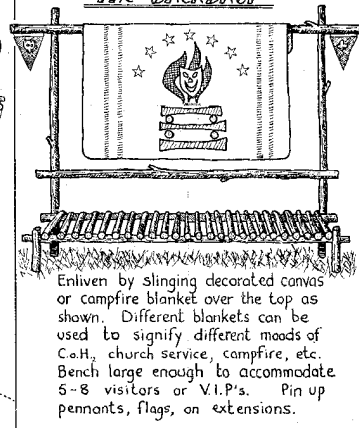


All spars in contact with earth should first be treated against termites, etc. Use old motor car pump oil to save expense, or recommended wood-preserved, if you wish.

FLAGPOLE



SOMETHING NEW IN CAMPING: "THE BACKDROP"



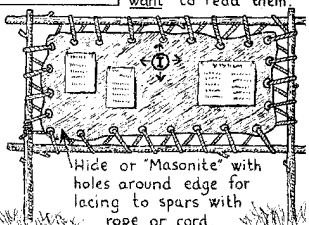
Don't be Litterbugs! Make LITTER CONTAINERS



Have one at each Patrol Den and at other convenient points. Empty them frequently and burn litter in your camp incinerator.

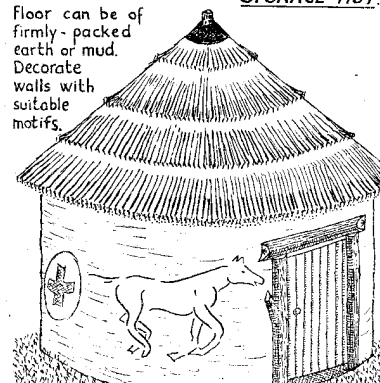
INFORMATION BOARDS

Keep news and notice up to date so that Scouts or Guides will want to read them.



Pioneering Projects!

STORAGE HUT



Common African wattle-and-daub type. Framework of wattle sticks built up around an upright centre-pole which would be approximately 15 feet long. Diameter across base about 14 feet, with walls 8 feet high. Door frame to be set in place before mud walls are built up around the framework. For finer details, seek aid and advice from any elderly African man. For reasons of security, your Storage Hut will have to be well-built, and it is suggested that you obtain an experienced person to do the thatching for you. The door will have to be strong and lockable, if you intend leaving any group equipment inside. For the same reason, windows will not be really necessary. Shelving, lock-up boxes and racks can be constructed at will inside.

YOUR PIN-UP PAGE . . .

Many of these Idea and Pin-up pages by Vic Clapham and published in Veld Lore over the years now lie in archives all over the country. Every Vic Clapham idea is as relevant to today's scout or cub as they have always been and with that in mind we intend to publish them in OUTTRAY from time to time. The article in this issue of the Leopard Corner reminded me of my own Patrol Corner or corners over the years and how much excitement and effort we put into collecting or making items for the corner and then the effort of painting the table and benches, even our own cupboard in the patrol colours to have the "best" and brightest corner in the Troop. Go for it! scouts, I will be looking at Patrol corners whenever I visit the various halls in the Area. So many of our Troops do not have their own dens to have permanent corners, or even a hall at all, but don't let that stop you - make a fold-up corner that can be put away after the meeting and brought out for the next. **KIWIT**

THE LEOPARD CORNER OF 1ST UITENHAGE (SOE)

Submitted by PL Sven Arndt

The Leopard Patrol of 1st Uitenhage (SOE) decided to improve their patrol corner in the hall. Under the guidance of PL Sven Arndt the patrol has painted the wall and successfully made the corner what it is today. This includes a framework of rope on the wall, leopard print curtains, pictures and cut outs of leopards, a framed puzzle and a papier mache model of a leopard. Patrol members who did the hard work were APL Robert Brazier, Kevern Burger, Brian Booyens and Jason Wright. The patrol is very grateful to Conrad de Vroom, PL of the Buffalo Patrol, who assisted with his artistic skills. I hope that this report will give other patrols ideas on how to improve their corners.



LEOPARD PATROL CORNER

CUB KONTIKI

Kontiki – the Cubs really do enjoy this event. Should a popularity poll be conducted, Kontiki would surely come out tops. This is an occasion to involve all. Dads are required to build the rafts, an adult must be on each raft, and as for the encouraging support from the riverbank – it is second to none. The Grand Finale of Kontiki is the parents/scouters race.



THE STARTING LINE

Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us this year and just as the first rafts crossed the finish line the rain came down, leaving everyone somewhat wet. However, that did not dampen spirits and after the Cubs had changed into warm dry clothes and the rain had stopped, all crowded around Jan's gazebo for the prize giving. Having won the 8-man raft trophy for the last two years, 1st Lorraine continued on their winning streak and scored a double hat trick by winning this trophy again, plus winning both the 6-man trophy and the Dads/Scouters race. What an achievement! CONGRATULATIONS 1ST LORRAINE.



1ST LORRAINE - 6 MAN RAFT

SCOUT KONTIKI

The Scout Kontiki, organised by the Rovers, was a week-end event that saw the Scouts camping overnight. Rafting was not the only criteria on which they were judged; there were various bases to be covered as well as a cooking competition. Judging by the overall results, girls must be much better cooks than boys although, as Martin de Bruyn mentioned at the prize giving, some of the boys made the mistake of eating all their food and not leaving any for the judges! All that fresh air does give a man an appetite.

OVERALL WINNERS

1st	Newton Park Rangers	83 points
2nd	Uitenhage Rangers	82 points
3rd	1st Uitenhage (SOE)	80 points



ALGOA SEA SCOUTS WON THE 4-MAN RAFT AND FASTEST RAFT TROPHIES.
THEIR FELLOW GIRL SCOUTS EARNED THE SHIPWRECK TROPHY



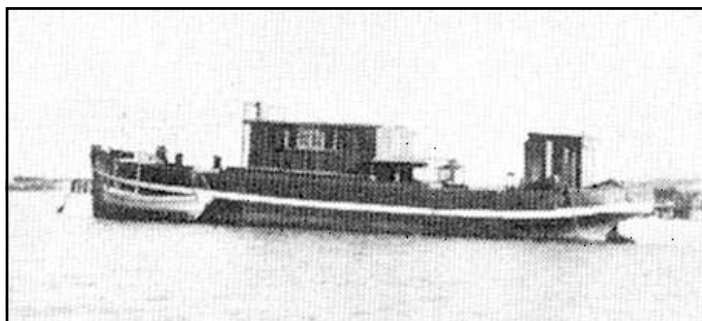
1ST UITENHAGE (SOE) WON THE 6-MAN RAFT TROPHY

A HISTORY OF SEA SCOUTING IN PORT ELIZABETH

Records show that Sea Scouting, a branch of Boy Scouting that had existed in Port Elizabeth since 1908, was up and running in Swartkops in 1927. The Humewood Sea Scout Group was registered on 21 March 1927 and the Algoa Sea Scout Group in 1929. These three Groups had fluctuating fortunes, using the Swartkops River and camped on the various craft used while building the harbour took place and then had a base on the "Palus", a bucket dredger, while the breakwater was being constructed.

In the later 1930s Mr CW "Guns" Baxter answered a call and restructured Sea Scouting in the town. "Guns" was a navy diver and worked on the construction of the breakwater and later into the 1950s was a harbour diver in his big old fashioned rubber suit and copper helmet.

At about that time the Royal Navy donated a Montague Whaler which was put to very good use, and "Guns" obtained an old Lighter that had seen many years of use before Port Elizabeth had a protected harbour to transport cargo from ships lying at anchor in the roadstead. The Lighter was moored about where the SA Navy launches tie up on the East side of the No. 2 quay today. This was fitted out with a cabin over the hold and a galley and heads built towards the stern. Officers used the cabin and the Sea Scouts slept in hammocks in the hold. The various craft used by the scouts were raised on davits on either side. This arrangement was a boys idea of heaven.



THE LIGHTER

When the Lighter became too old and expensive to keep on the water, in the early 1950s, it was towed out and scuttled but would not sink and eventually ran aground at Smelly Creek where it is most probably covered by the road and "dolosse". A new home was sought and thanks to "Guns" and Rev WH Marshall funds were raised and a piece of the harbour wall alongside the Donkin Naval Base obtained and a hall built in 1953. The "CW Baxter Sea Scout Base" came into existence. The Scouts and Scouters put their hands to the spade and slowly the slipway and jetty was completed. In the early 1960s Dr van Digterens firm, Val-Orange erected a gantry on the jetty and covered it

with corrugated asbestos sheets. This made boat handling and storage much easier.

The floods of 1st September 1968 struck and the whole basin at the mouth of the Baakens River was filled with rocks, caravans, cars and anything else that was in the way of the water that came down that day. The powers that be at that time decided that for security reasons and because of the state of the basin, the hall was expropriated. Fifty years after the hall was built, Sea Scouting is endeavouring to again get the use of this property for Scouting purposes. Unfortunately Portnet are insisting of a commercial hire cost for this use which the Sea Scout Groups can not meet.

Humewood Sea Scout Troop met from its inception in a wood and iron hall in Brookes Vale, later it was demolished to make way for the new Museum complex. Next home was an army hut next to where the City Lodge now is. In 1963 the Group moved into its newly built hall in 2nd Avenue Summerstrand.

When the Algoa Sea Scout Group split from Humewood in 1929 and met in the "Seamans Institute" now designated as the South End Museum. With a short occupation of the Baxter Base, in 1965, Algoa Group obtained the use of the army hut in St Georges Park where they still meet today. Various other Sea Scout Groups were formed, St Augustine's, St Mary's, Mater Dei, St Pauls and others but had short lifespans. St Peters Sea Scout Group, formed in June 1954 met in South End until the destruction of the suburb. St Croix Sea Scout Group in Tippers Creek, Amsterdam Hoek was registered in the early 1960s by a Mr Reynolds and is still in existence. In about 1975 a Sea Scout Group was registered at St Martin de Porres Church in Gelvandale and hopefully will be in action again in 2001.

Many former Port Elizabeth Sea Scouts have gone on to be meaningful members of the community. First of all sailors, soldiers and airmen during the 2nd World War. Doctors, Lawyers, Directors of large companies - Officers in the SA Navy, Ships Masters with Safmarine. Officers in the Harbour Services and Tug Masters, Commanders of NSRI, Officers in our Fire Services and not least of all, lifelong members of St Johns Ambulance and Surf Lifesaving. Elroy Swart, as Manager of the South African Paraplegic athletic team, was at Sydney 2000.

Good news for Sea Scouting has just recently been received. Mr Owen Baxter (grandson of "Guns" Baxter) has taken on the Job of Chairman of the P.E. District Sea Scout (Water Activity) sub-committee which was inaugurated on the 27th March 2001. With this comes the news that Scouting has been registered as members of the Algoa Bay Yacht Club and we will be able to use the facilities on the harbour for our boating activities.

NEWTON PARK CUBS GO "ON SAFARI"

Over the weekend of 23 - 24 March 1st Newton Park Cubs went to Seaview Game and Lion Park for a Cub Camp which turned out to be quite unusual.

After arriving and checking in at the restaurant with Janice, the owner, we were led to the campsite by a friendly ostrich guide who insisted in walking in front of us in the middle of the roadway. Once he had decided we were friendly he moved over to let us pass and then decided he would have some fun and chase us the rest of the way. The campsite was on a hill beside the Lion enclosure so we had a grand view of the lions, and they had a grand view of us and

followed every move we made - our Cubs, 3 fences, and the lions. One of the guides came along and gave us a short talk and some good advice - do not run along the fence or make too much sudden noise - lions get cross.

Once the tents were up and the site organised it was time for cake and cooldrink, and then the peacocks arrived. About six beautiful birds eager to make our acquaintance. They were very friendly, eating cake and biscuit crumbs out of our hands. This we found out later was our undoing!

Once it got dark we had a visit from Janice to say she was now closing the camp gate because although the lions were locked in, the other game roamed free and we had to be closed in. But the gate was not locked and she gave us her emergency phone number should we need it. She also explained to our Cubs that now it was dark it was animal time

Ten Commandments for Human Relations

1. *Speak to people - There is nothing as nice as a cheery word of greeting.*
2. *Smile at people - It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 13 to smile.*
3. *Call people by name - The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.*
4. *Be friendly and helpful - If you would have friends, be friendly.*
5. *Be cordial - Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.*
6. *Be genuinely interested in people - You can like everybody if you try.*
7. *Be generous with praise - Cautious with criticism.*
8. *Be considerate for the feelings of others - It will be appreciated.*
9. *Be thoughtful of the opinions of others - There are three sides to any story - yours, the other fellows and the right one.*
10. *Be alert to give service - What counts most in life is what we do for others.*

and we were just visitors. We were to turn off our torches and not to make sudden or loud noises that might make animals inquisitive. There was a lot of low cloud cover and we could not do any star spotting so decided to have an early campfire, but no yells this time. After the campfire we got the fire going again for supper – a delicious chicken potjie. However, whether it was the smell of chicken or the smell of Cubs, but the lions started to roar, and they roared louder and louder. It was a bit frightening at first and the cubs would not go off to the toilet block on their own because it was so close to the fence, but they got braver and no longer dived for cover every time they roared.

Eventually it was bedtime after a nice hot mug of hot chocolate. But morning came all too soon, and there were lions all lined up along the fence watching us, and the ostrich outside the gate, and the peacocks wandering about. We had become so used to seeing the peacocks walking around being thoroughly nosy, watching us cook egg bread and bacon on skottles, they decided to help themselves to our bacon. The ostrich must have been watching too, because no sooner had the first four Cubs sat down to their platefuls when he decided to help himself to all four platefuls, including a plastic fork. Our startled Cubs were so surprised they just fell backwards off the benches and screamed for help. Chil was quick to the rescue, but the ostrich would not be budged until he had eaten every scrap. Luckily he was not interested in the Cubs who were soon busy tucking in to fresh platefuls.

The rest of the morning passed without any more intrusions by wildlife, and included a walk around the outside of the lion enclosure, a visit to the restaurant for ice cream and a visit to the other animal enclosures to view the young lion cubs, monkeys, jackals, lynxes, goats etc. finishing off with a ride into the lion enclosure to say "good morning" to the noisy lions.

Lunch was eaten within the confines of the tents and we managed to break camp and pack away mid afternoon without any peacock stowaways! All in all it was a camp to remember, and all the Cubs were eager to tell their parents when they were collected back at our Scout Hall about the ostrich who stole their breakfast, and the lions who kept them awake.

Jan Hopkins
Akela

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE SANJAMB 2001

Scouts and Guides are invited to attend the 7th SANJAMB, South African National Jamboree 2001, that will be taking place from 10th to 19th December 2001 at the Vaal Dam in Gauteng Province. This exciting event will attract numerous Scout and Guide Contingents from within South Africa as well as countries around the world.

Participants will be able to enjoy fun bases such as SANJAMB Gladiators, commando course, paintball, rock-etry, mountain biking, electronics, Internet, model building, conservation, river rafting, canoeing, boardsailing and abseiling.

PARTICIPANTS

Should be registered members of the Scout or Guide Movement, over the age of 12 years and under the age of 18 years as on 10th December 2001.

COST

A non-refundable deposit of R100 with each participant application form. The balance of R700 per participant must be received by SANJAMB by 31st October 2001.

The balance will be discounted to R600 per participant if total payment is received by SANJAMB by 30th June 2001.

Monies received or deposited in the SANJAMB account after 31st October 2001 will incur an additional penalty charge of R100.

Please note that the cost excludes travel costs to the SANJAMB site, travel allowances, travel and medical insurance but includes food and camping charges.

If you are part of a contingent, please submit the requested information via your Contingent Leader. Individuals are welcome. It is not necessary to send complete patrols. You are encouraged to bring your own equipment as the aim is to be as self-sufficient as possible.

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